

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/13/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-20, 22,23,28,29 re numbered as 1-12 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 13-20 and 22, 23, 28 and 29 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claims 13 and 20, the most relevant prior art of record, Granberg (6,122,550) discloses a network address register and a method in a telephone-switching network to route messages, comprising: (see Fig. 3), a database (HLR 42) comprising subscriber-specific data (data stored per subscriber), and network item addresses (network-specific service information stored per MSC), and a network address register that receives a network message (subscriber's HLR database record) and determines a network item address for the network message as a function of the subscriber-specific data in the message using the database (see col. 8, lines 23-43).

The instant invention teaches a network address register for use in a telephone switching network to route messages and a method of routing messages in a GSM communications switching network that include a network address register that receives from a first network item a network message, determines a network item address for the network message as a function of subscriber-specific data in the message and transmits the network message to a network address of a second network item, wherein the network address register transmits the network address of the second network item to the first network item and establishes a traffic channel with the second network item, wherein the first network item comprises a mobile switching center, the second network item comprises a voice mail center, and the subscriber-specific data

comprises a MSISDN number, wherein the traffic channel comprises a voice channel to a voice mail box, and the network address register receives the MSISDN from the voice mail service center and determines a network address of the second network item as a function of the MSISDN and the second network item comprises a home location register. The above novel feature in combination with all the recited limitations of claims 13 and 20 is not taught, nor fairly suggested by Granberg or any of the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles N. Appiah whose telephone number is 571 272-7904. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on 571 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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